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PHILLIP FARLAND NAMED TO HEAD NORTH CAROLINA FSA

WASHINGTON, February 18, 1998 -- Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly today announced that Phillip Farland has been named the North Carolina State Executive Director for FSA. "Phillip brings more than 27 years experience with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the job," Kelly said. "His commitment to agriculture, to North Carolina, and to tackling the very tough job of being a State Executive Director is very impressive."

Farland began his career in 1971 with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) as a trainee, and became the County Executive Director for McDowell County, North Carolina, where he served for five years. He then moved to the ASCS State Office in Raleigh to work in the Production Adjustment Division, becoming Chief of the division in 1993.

Phillip Farland was named State Executive Director effective February 1, 1998, replacing the late Sam Coley.

"Phillip is going to be the kind of SED who gets a lot done, quietly makes the important changes we need to make, and will lead the North Carolina FSA into the next century very effectively," Kelly said. "Typical of Phillip, he gets things done without saying much about it."

Farland was the 1997 recipient of a U.S. Department of Agriculture "Unsung Heroes Award" presented to employees who exemplify the spirit of public service.

Phillip Farland was born in Beulaville, N.C., and graduated from Charity High School in Duplin County. Farland attended Shaw University in Raleigh, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He is an active member of the St. Lewis Baptist Church, volunteers with the Mentor Program for Boys at Broughton High School in Raleigh, and is a volunteer coach for Little League baseball and basketball.

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